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TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 133

1. REF PARA 13 STATE 060195 AND PARA 3 STATE 63170.

MESSAGE NUMBER 114 IS MOSCOW 3603.

2. REF PARA 2 STATE 63170 AND PARA 4 STATE 61184. WHAT
IS REASON? WHAT IS REASON FOR CHANGE FROM EARLIER US
POSITION THAT THIS BE DONE NOT LATER THAN 15 DAYS AHEAD?

3. REF PARA 1(C) STATE 63170.

(A) TEXT LATEST SOVIET PROTOCOL ARTICLE IV PARA 4
AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT.

4. NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING
OF EMPLACEMENT OF EACH EXPLOSIVE IN CONNECTION WITH WHICH
THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT IS TO BE USED, TWO COMPLETE SETS
OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR YIELD DETERMINATION INCLUDING
SPARE PARTS AND SPECIAL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE
EMPLACEMENT OF THE SENSING ELEMENTS BASED ON INFORMA-
TION PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS
ARTICLE AND TWO COMPLETE SETS OF SEISMIC EQUIPMENT
CONSTITUTING THE LCOAL SEISMIC NETWORK INCLUDING SPARE
PARTS, WHICH SETS OF EQUIPMENT SHALL HAVE THE SAME

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TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS AS THE CORRESPONDING EQUIP-

MENT SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 3 AND BE OF THE SAME COMPOSITION, SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE OTHER PARTY TO THE PARTY CARRYING OUT THE EXPLOSION. THE PARTY CARRYING OUT THE EXPLOSION SHALL CHOOSE ONE SET OF EQUIPMENT FROM EACH OF THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE FOR USE DURING THE CONDUCT OF THE EXPLOSION. THESE SETS OF EQUIPMENT SHALL BE EXAMINED BY THE PARTY CARRYING OUT THE EXPLOSION DURING THE PERIOD OF 10 DAYS IN THE PRESENCE OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL. THE PARTY CARRYING OUT THE EXPLOSION SHALL INITIATE AND COMPLETE THIS EXAMINATION SO THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE IN THE PRESENCE OF THIS PARTY AT THE SITE OF THE EXPLOSION FOR CUSTODY, INSTALLATION, EMPLACEMENT AND OPERATION NOT LATER THAN 10 DAYS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF EMPLACEMENT OF THE EXPLOSIVES. SETS OF EQUIPMENT NOT USED DURING THE CONDUCT OF THE EXPLOSION SHALL BE AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE PARTY CARRYING OUT THE EXPLOSION. AFTER THE EXPLOSION AND AFTER A DUPLICATE OF THE RECORDED DATA HAS BEEN ACQUIRED FROM THE EQUIPMENT BY BOTH PARTIES, THIS EQUIPMENT MAY BE RETAINED IN THE CUSTODY OF THE PARTY CARRYING OUT THE EXPLOSION FOR A PERIOD THAT MAY BE AS LONG AS 30 DAYS AFTER WHICH TIME ALL SETS OF EQUIPMENT SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE OTHER PARTY.

END TEXT.

(B) SOVIETS NOW SAY THAT "THIS EQUIPMENT" IN LAST SENTENCE MEANS ALL REPEAT ALL EQUIPMENT USED IN VERIFICATION OF EXPLOSION. THIS IS WHAT THEY PREFER TO CALL THE "WORKING SET" OF EQUIPMENT. THEY PREFER TO CALL THE OTHER SET (THE ONE RETAINED BY HOST ON BASIS OF INITIAL CHOICE) THE "HOSTAGE SET."

4. REF STATE 060195:

(A) PARAS 2 AND 3: WILL BE DONE AS SOON AS SOME ADVANTAGE CAN BE PERCEIVED.

(B) PARA. 4: DONE.

(C) PARA 5: WORD "NEAREST" IS NOW PLACED BEFORE "EMPLACEMENT POINT" IN THIS SENTENCE.

(D) PARA 6: WITNESSING OF AREA OF ENTRANCE OF EMPLACEMENT HOLE FROM BEGINNING TO END OF EMPLACEMENT OPERATION IS COVERED IN SUBPARA (C).

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(E) PARA 7: WE HAVE AGREED TO USE WORD "FACILITIES" IN THESE CASES. WORD "EQUIPMENT" CONTINUES TO BE USED IN REFERENCE TO SLIFER, ETC.

(F) PARAS 8 AND 9: NEW JOINT TEXT DOES THIS.

(G) PARA 10: SOVIETS REFUSE TO DELETE "THE PROVISIONS IN." IS THIS SIGNIFICANT?

(H) PARA 11: NO ATTEMPT HAS YET BEEN MADE BY EITHER SIDE TO TINKER WITH TREATY TEXT, BUT BOTH

OBVIOUSLY EXPECT THIS STEP TO COME.

(I) PARA 12: WILL BE INCLUDED WHEN ADVANTAGEOUS
TO MOVE ON PACKAGE OF CONDITIONS ON LOCAL SEISMIC
NETWORK.
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